

REMARKS

As a result of the foregoing Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include features which were also added to claim 1 in the corresponding European application to distinguish over U.S. Patent 5,305,930.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite the fact that the resetting element is resiliently biased into the closed setting and is constructed in such a way that the opening and/or closing of the discharge opening takes place automatically and the automatic opening and/or closing is assisted by the product which is under excess pressure.

Support for the language added to claim 1 can be found in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the English Specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The European Patent was granted with the language recited above.

These features are

- the elastic pretensioning of an additional closing device which is referred to as a resetting element; and

- assistance of the resetting element by the product which is under excess pressure, wherein

these features result in an automatic opening and/or closing of the additional closing element and cover all of the embodiments shown in Figs. 1 through 15 of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims directed to the embodiments shown in Figs. 9 through 15 should remain in the application.

Currently, as set forth in the Response dated May 4, 2007, the claims directed to the non-elected species are withdrawn from consideration.

However, once the claims readable on the elected species are allowed, it is submitted that, for the reasons set forth above, the remaining claims should also be allowable.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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